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Idaho Operations Office

Date: February 17, 1999

Subject: Transmittal of the Draft Record of Decision – Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory – (OPE-ER-28-99)

To: Anthony Kluk, EM-441, DOE-HQ

Enclosed is the Draft Record of Decision for Waste Area Group 3 — Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. This Draft Record of Decision is being transmitted for your review and comment.

This Draft Record of Decision was developed following the EPA guidance on Record of Decision. However, there is new EPA guidance being developed concerning the information to be contained in a Record of Decision. This Draft Record of Decision has been developed to include the existing guidance requirements and the new guidance requirements, where possible.

In this Draft Record of Decision, it is recognized that some information is missing or only partially included. The missing or partial information is still being developed and will continue to be developed through the new two subsequent revisions (Draft and Draft Final) of the attached Record of Decision. Also, included in this version of the Draft Record of Decision is the Preliminary Draft Responsiveness Summary. Most of the comments have been addressed and all of the comments received during the October 23 to December 22, 1998, comment period are included as comments. However, there are two additional sets of comments (Congressman Mike Simpson and Anonymous) that were received during the January 14 to February 12, 1999, comment period. These comments are not included in this version. In addition, the Waste Area Group 3 team (DOE-ID, EPA, IDHW/DEQ, and LMITCO) will be reviewing the Preliminary Draft Responsiveness Summary. The next version of the Record of Decision (Draft) will include the Draft Responsiveness Summary with the new comments and revised responses.

A short review time is necessary on this version of the document to accommodate meeting the enforceable milestone for submittal of the Draft Record of Decision to the EPA and IDHW/DEQ. Review of this Draft Record of Decision is planned to occur through March 2, 1999. During the week of March 1, 1999, DOE-HQ comments on the Draft Record of Decision will be discussed and a redline/markup version of the document will be developed. This redline/markup version will be used for revising the document into the next version of the Draft Record of Decision. If you have any questions, please call Talley Jenkins at (208) 526-4978 or myself at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

cc: R. Cummings, DOE-HQ, EM-441 (3)

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INITIAL gj DATE 3/1/99